

Montgomery County Commissioners Meeting

July 15, 2003 ~ 5:30 p.m.

Chairman – Billy Maness

Vice-Chairman – Dolon Corbett

Commissioner – R.C. Bostic

Commissioner – Sally Morris

Commissioner – George Knight, Jr.

County Manager – Lee Matthews

Clerk to the Board – Laura B. Morton

County Attorney – Russell J. Hollers

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioner's met in regular session on June 15, 2003 at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the County Administration Building. All Board members were present.

Chairman Maness called the meeting to order and the following was heard:

Commissioner Morris gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes

In a motion by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Knight and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

No one spoke during the public forum.

Joyce Hunsucker Retirement Plaque

Chairman Maness presented a plaque to Mrs. Joyce Hunsucker for her years of service to the Montgomery County Health Department.

Motion to Award Bid for Water Line Extension Project

Mr. Tim Carpenter was present to request the board to award the bid for the water line extension project to Buckeye Construction. Mr. Carpenter said that Buckeye had done work in the past for the county and did a good job. He said they are a reputable contractor with good workmanship. He said they received the lowest bid in the amount of \$1,285,598.64.

Commissioner Bostic asked Mr. Matthews how much reserve there is in the water fund? Mr. Matthews said if I remember correctly \$1.7 million.

Commissioner Morris made a motion to award the bid to Buckeye Construction as presented. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion.

Commissioner Bostic amended the motion to include the water line on Hwy. 731 and Dry Creek. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Knight.

Commissioner Morris said where are you going to get the money from? Commissioner Bostic said from reserve, Lee just said we have \$1.7 million. Commissioner Morris said we are going to have to replace a telemetry system. Mr. Carpenter said they may not be as expensive as we thought. Commissioner Morris said but we don't know. Mr. Carpenter said that is correct.

The amended motion to include Hwy. 731 and Dry Creek was denied 3-2. (Voting to include these road were: Commissioner Bostic and Commissioner Knight; Voting not to include these roads: Chairman Maness, Commissioner Corbett, and Commissioner Morris.)

Chairman Maness said back to the original motion, which was to award the bid to Buckeye Construction as presented. (Voting for this motion was: Chairman Maness, Commissioner Corbett, and Commissioner Morris; Voting against this motion was: Commissioner Bostic and Commissioner Knight.)

Approval of Lease Agreement – Montgomery County Fire Commission

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Morris and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the lease agreement for the Montgomery County Fire Commission.

Budget Revisions

Mr. Matthews presented the budget revision for the Health Department. They received a grant from the Alandale Foundation in the amount of \$1,000 to be used for Child Immunizations and was going to be used to enhance the waiting area for the children.

Chairman Maness said there are no county dollars involved? Mr. Matthews said no.

In a motion made by Commissioner Knight, seconded by Commissioner Corbett and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the budget revision. (A copy of this is on file in the Clerk to the Board's office).

Items Carried Forward

Voice Logging Recorder

In a motion made by Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Corbett, and so the motion carried 4-1 to approve the purchase of the voice logging recorder for the 911 Center in the amount of \$33,000 to come from 911 Emergency Funds. (Voting For: Chairman Maness, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Corbett, Commissioner Knight; Voting Against: Commissioner Bostic)

Commissioner Bostic said you know there is not a 6 month period that we don't buy something. If we spend to keep up with technology, we will spend everyday. We need to bring the cost of the phone bills down for the citizens

Fee to Testing Wells for Arsenic

In a motion made by Commissioner Corbett, seconded by Commissioner Knight, and so the motion carried 4-1 to approve the fee for testing of wells go from \$25 to \$5 and the health department come back to us with a proposal. (Voting For: Chairman Maness, Commissioner Morris, Commissioner Corbett, Commissioner Knight; Voting Against: Commissioner Bostic)

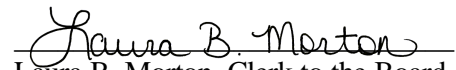
Commissioner Bostic said we can spend \$33,000 on bells and whistles, but we can't eliminate the fee. Chairman Maness said it might be possible. Commissioner Bostic said we need to make it possible now, not wait. Chairman Maness asked where is the money going to come from, the fund balance? Commissioner Bostic said yes.

Chairman Maness reminded the board of the peach festival on Saturday.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


William D. Maness, Chairman




Laura B. Morton, Clerk to the Board